



2016 YONEX U.S. OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series

**JULY 5-10, 2016
LOS ANGELES BADMINTON CLUB
EL MONTE
CALIFORNIA, USA**



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1 OLYMPIC PLAZA,
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

April 26, 2016

Dear Badminton World Federation Members,

Re: Invitation – 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships, part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series

It is with pleasure that we invite your players to participate in the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships to be held on July 5-10, 2016 at the Los Angeles Badminton Club, 10410 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731

The official hotel is DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Monrovia - Pasadena Area, 924 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California, 91016, USA

All qualifying matches and first round men's singles matches will be played on July 5, 2016. This tournament is a BWF sanctioned "Grand Prix Gold" event and entries will close on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).

Please find below the entry details and event information. Should you require any additional information or assistance please contact USA Badminton.

We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles in July.

Sincerely,

James D. Cloppas
CEO/Secretary General





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Dear Colleagues,

Your players are invited to compete in the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships. This invitation contains important information that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager accompanying your players.

1. National Organization	USA Badminton One Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909, USA Ph: +1.719.866.4808 Fax: +1.719.866.4507 www.usabadminton.org
2. Presented by	USA Badminton One Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909, USA Ph: +1.719.866.4808 Fax: +1.719.866.4507 www.usabadminton.org
3. Date	Tuesday, July 5 – Sunday, July 10, 2016
4. Venue	Los Angeles Badminton Club 10410 Valley Blvd, El Monte, CA 91731 Phone: (626) 279-9919 http://www.labadmintonclub.com
5. Event Directors	Tournament Director : Victor Leung Deputy Tournament Director : Abigail Bautista
6. Event Contact	Abigail Bautista Phone: +1.510.432.7346 Email: abibautista.usab@gmail.com
7. Referees	Referee: Michael Nemeč (AUT) Email: michael.nemec@outlook.com Deputy : Ian Ross (ENG) Email: ian.ross.uk@gmail.com



8. Draw Size	Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw				
	Men's Singles	Main: 56 + 8 Qualifiers			
	Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifiers			
	Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifiers			
	Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifiers			
	Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifiers			
<p><u>Main Draw Format</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 64 in Men's Singles and 32 in all other events. Men's singles start at 5.00PM PST on Tuesday July 5, 2016. Other draws begin on Wednesday July 6, 2016 The finals will be played on Sunday July 10, 2016 <p><u>Qualification Draws</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 16 players or pairs will take part in each of the five events with the winners progressing to the relevant Main Draw events. The qualifiers will begin at 9:00AM PST on Tuesday July 5, 2016 <p>Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All events will be run on a strict timetable system. Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled match time. Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled match time will be disqualified. Alterations to competition schedule due to television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee. 					
9. Schedule	Day	Date	Progression	Play Times	Courts
	Tuesday	July 5, 2016	Qualifying Rounds	9:00am – 4:00pm	4
	Tuesday	July 5, 2016	Main Draw	5:00pm – 10:00pm	4
	Wednesday	July 6, 2016	Main Draw	9:00am – 10:00pm	4
	Thursday	July 7, 2016	Second Round	2:00pm – 10:00pm	4
	Friday	July 8, 2016	Quarter-Finals	5:00pm - 10:00pm	3
	Saturday	July 9, 2016	Semi-Finals	Start at 1:00pm	2
	Sunday	July 10, 2016	Finals	Start at 1:00pm	1
10. Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue: Los Angeles Badminton Club Day & Date: Monday, July 4, 2016 & Tuesday, July 5, 2016 Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm 				
11. Official Shuttle	The YONEX Aerosena 50 is the official shuttlecock for the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships. Practice shuttlecocks will be available at a minimal cost from the supplier at the competition venue.				



12. Conditions of Play	<p>The 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships will be conducted in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) including those concerning Advertising, Players’ Code of Conduct, Coaches and Officials’ Code of Conduct, Match Integrity and Betting. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>Please familiarize yourself with these Regulations prior to your arrival in Los Angeles.</p>	
13. Team Managers’ Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held on Monday July 4, 2016 at 7.00PM PST (1900 hours), at the Los Angeles Badminton Club • It is compulsory for all team managers to attend the Team Managers’ Meeting. Failure to attend means you are liable to be fined as per BWF “Offences and Penalties”. • Member Associations may make a request for an alternative to the Team Manager to represent them at the meeting, provided the Referee is notified in advance. 	
14. Technical Officials Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Officials’ briefing will be held on Monday July 4, 2016 at 8.30PM PST (2030 hours), at the Los Angeles Badminton Club 	
15. Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA player entry deadline • International player entry deadline • World Ranking Date for M & Q Report • Publish Date for M & Q Report • World Ranking Date for Seeding • Seeding Released • BWF Last Date of Withdrawal (without penalty) • Date of Draw • Hotel Booking Deadline • Practice Court Request Deadline • Accreditation Request Deadline • Transportation Request Deadline • Visa Support Letter Deadline 	<p>Thursday May 26, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday May 31, 2016</p> <p>Thursday June 2, 2016</p> <p>Friday June 3, 2016</p> <p>Thursday June 9, 2016</p> <p>Friday June 10, 2016</p> <p>Sunday June 12, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 14, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 21, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 21, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 21, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 21, 2016</p> <p>Tuesday June 21, 2016</p>



16. Prize Money

- The prize money for the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships is \$120,000.
- This prize fund will be distributed in accordance with BWF rules governing Grand Prix events.
- Income tax may be deducted according to the U.S. tax regulations.

Event	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finals	Quarter-Finals	Last 16
Men's Singles	US\$9,000	US\$4,560	US\$1,740	US\$720	US\$420
Women's Singles	US\$9,000	US\$4,560	US\$1,740	US\$720	US\$420
Men's Doubles*	US\$9,480	US\$4,560	US\$1,680	US\$870	US\$450
Women's Doubles*	US\$9,480	US\$4,560	US\$1,680	US\$870	US\$450
Mixed Doubles*	US\$9,480	US\$4,560	US\$1,680	US\$870	US\$450

Total - \$120,000

*per pair

17. International Entries

- All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations.
- BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations' cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date **Tuesday May 31, 2016** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.
 - No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.
 - Member Associations are advised to log on: 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships at:
<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=90EECB22-6153-467F-8668-CD1BCE7B2499>
 - Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact BWF Events Officer, R. Shanmugam at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org
 - The online entry page will close immediately on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.**
 - You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
 - **Close of Online Entry:**
 - After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.
 - Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received **by Wednesday June 1, 2016, 12:00 noon BWF Headquarters time** following close of entries.
 - If no objection is received by BWF **by Thursday June 2, 2016 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time** following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.



	<p>International Partnerships with USA Player, click the link below for more information: USAB Doubles & Mixed Doubles Partnership Guidelines for International Tournaments On International partnerships</p> <p>Note: U.S. players MUST REGISTER AND PAY for the requested event by the USAB On Time DEADLINE Thursday May 26, 2016 at 11:59PM MST or by the USAB Late Entry DEADLINE Friday May 27, 2016 at 11:59AM MST with a \$200 Penalty Without Exception</p>
<p>18. USA Entries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players from USA Badminton have to follow a different entry procedure. Entry is open to any current member of USA Badminton in good standing with a BWF # ID registered in their USAB profile. Please note that only USAB players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database can be entered by USAB. • USAB is implementing its Online Entry through: http://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/tournament-signup • On Time Entry Deadline: The entry deadline for USA Badminton Players is Thursday May 26, 2016 11:59PM MST. • Late Entries will be accepted until Friday May 27, 2016 11:59AM MST with a late penalty fee of \$200.00 as per USAB’s International Tournament Entry Procedures, after which no late entries will be accepted. <p>Click here for US PLAYER INFORMATION For Entry Procedure, Online Link, Fees & Deadlines</p>
<p>19. Withdrawal</p>	<p><u>For International Entries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations. • Withdrawals can only be made through the Member Association before the deadline. A Member Association can withdraw through the BWF online entry system. • Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email immediately to the Deputy Tournament Director and the Referee. The following persons listed below should be copied in the email. • The withdrawal notification must include the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, it must be supported by a medical certificate. <p><u>Withdrawal Contact Persons</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Tournament Director: Abigail Bautista Email: abibautista.usab@gmail.com • Referee: Michael Nemec (AUT) Email: michael.nemec@outlook.com • BWF Technical Events Manager: Chris Trenholme Email: c.trenholme@bwfbadminton.org • If the withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Los Angeles, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputy, and must be confirmed in writing.



- Withdrawals after **Sunday June 12, 2016** (withdrawal without penalty date) shall automatically incur withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Should a penalty be applied, it shall be imposed as per BWF General Competition Regulations by the BWF.

USA Players

- Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on the BWF Regulations and USAB timelines.
- Withdrawals must be made through the USA Badminton National Office at internationalentry.usab@gmail.com
- USA Badminton will not accept responsibility for any withdrawal that is not made through the USAB National Office or does not abide the USAB withdrawals deadlines and procedures. Click the link below for more information.
[Click here for US PLAYER INFORMATION On Withdrawal Procedures and Deadlines](#)

20. Accreditation

International Entries

- Please note that there will be photographic accreditation for the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships. Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers’ Meeting.
- Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please find the attached Accreditation Request Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation.
- In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.
- No of players from Association / No of accompanying Officials:
 - For up to 4 : 2 badges
 - For 5-10 : 3 badges
 - For 11-16 : 4 badges
 - For 16 or more : 5 badges
- Note: If more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. A limited number of additional official accreditation passes may be purchased at the special rate of \$150.00 each.

USA Coaches

- Individuals who wish to coach at the 2016 US Open must be current USAB members in good standing with an approved background check on file may apply by ordering “International Coach/Team Official Accreditation” through their respective USAB profile dashboard at <https://usab.simplycompete.com/trnResult/requestUploads>
- Please note you must open a coach account on their USAB profile before ordering.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application deadline: Tuesday June 21, 2016 11:59PM MST. • Click here for 2016 USAB International Tournament Coach & Team Official Accreditation • Accreditation Fee, Accreditation Collection and Condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accreditation Fee: \$35.00 per coach. This fee must be paid at the time of applying for the accreditation. ○ Only applications that met the requirement will be approved by USA Badminton. ○ Approved accreditation can be collected at the 2016 US Open registration desk. ○ USA Badminton, the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee and the Event Organizer reserve the right to revoke the accreditation if the Accredited Coach violates the BWF’s Coach’s Code of Conduct and USAB’s Code of Conduct for Coaches
<p>21. Media Obligation</p>	<p>Note that all players are required to participate in media engagements should they be requested in Pre-Tournament Media. They will not exceed 1 hour in total on the day prior to their first scheduled match of the tournament.</p> <p>It is also a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.</p> <p>In order to assist with the promotion of the tournament and game in general, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than 1 hour (such as autograph signing, participating in ‘meet the public’ question and answer sessions, etc)</p>
<p>22. Video Recording & Photography</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Badminton reserves the right take photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events. • No unauthorized persons may enter the playing arena to video record or take photos without the prior approval of USA Badminton. Flash photography is not permitted within the arena at any time. • Video recording is permitted for analytical purposes only, and only by competing Member Associations. The Tournament Director and/or Referee shall designate positions. Cameras operating outside of these areas or without the correct accreditation may be removed. Camera accreditation must be obtained in advance. • Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.
<p>23. Practice Facilities</p>	<p>Practice times at the venue on Monday onwards may be requested from the organizer before the event starts, or by completing the practice request form and emailing to usopenmail@gmail.com by Tuesday June 21, 2016, however, we cannot guarantee that we can meet all requests.</p>



<p>24. Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transportation from the airport for players staying at the official hotels only. • Transport Request Forms must be emailed to usopenmail@gmail.com by Tuesday June 21, 2016. • Transportation will be provided between the official hotels and the venue. The schedule will be prepared by the organizers.
<p>25. Accommodation</p>	<p><u>Instructions for booking rooms for 2016 U.S. Open</u></p> <p><u>DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles-Rosemead</u> 888 Montebello Blvd. Rosemead, Ca 91770 Rates: \$139 a night for single or double Reservation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call hotel directly (323) 722-8800 • Provide group code USB0703 for group reservation • Provide credit card number to guarantee room reservation • Make sure to get the confirmation number <p><u>DoubleTree by Hilton Monrovia-Pasadena Area</u> 924 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016 Rates: \$139 to \$179 breakfast included Reservation: Link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=LAXMVDT&spec_plan=CDTUSA&arrival=20160701&departure=20160711&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT</p> <p>All reservations must be done directly with the hotel. USAB is <u>NOT responsible</u> for organizing accommodation for any team or individual player.</p>
<p>26. Visa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your players and officials require visa to enter the U.S., we can provide a letter of invitation to assist. Provide us the necessary information by returning the Visa Support Request Form by Tuesday June 21, 2016 to the USAB National Office, attention Peggy Savosik at peggy@usabadminton.org • USAB will <u>only</u> communicate with a Member Federation. • USAB will not be able to provide visa support letters if the Visa Support Request Form is incomplete and are not accompanied by the requested documents. • Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into the U.S. and the final decision is made by the U.S Embassy at your own country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly to the respective U.S. Embassy who is dealing with your application. USAB accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Federation.
<p>27. Anti-Doping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current



	<p>WADA Prohibited List.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List - before they take medication. • U.S. players concerned with current information on banned substances and medication, go to http://www.usada.org or contact the USOC Drug Education Hotline at 1-800-233-0393.
<p>28. Medical Insurance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All USAB members competing in the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships are covered by insurance. • All non-USAB participants are <u>NOT</u> covered by USAB's insurance. • USAB encourage non-USAB participants and the accompanying team members to organize medical insurance before arriving in the U.S. • USAB is <u>not responsible</u> for medical expenses incurred during the competition.
<p>29. Indemnity</p>	<p>By submitting an on-line entry to the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2016 YONEX U.S. Open Badminton Championships and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge USA Badminton, YONEX Corporation, their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and any and all participants in this event as follows:</p> <p>Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suits, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other occurrence during or in connection with this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.</p> <p>Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and USA Badminton; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.</p> <p>For the same consideration Entrant hereby gives USA Badminton, and each and every licensee or contractee of either or all of them including photographers, television and or motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations,</p>



personal interviews, or comment thereon for any or all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.

